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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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November 22, 2000

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith information of which he is aware, which believes may be material to the patentability of any claim and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) exists.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, it is not intended to be construed as an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b).

The Applicant has now received the following prior art references in connection with the International Search Report dated September 3, 1999, from the Swedish Patent Office in the counterpart International Patent Application.

According to the Agreement between the US and the Swedish Patent Offices, the prior art references cited in the International Search Report should have been forwarded to the US Designated Office by the Swedish Patent Office. If the references have not been properly forwarded to the US

Designated Office, Applicant hereby requests that the US Designated Office notify the undersigned Attorney for Applicant immediately.

The prior art references are set forth below and on the Form PTO-1449.

EP 0508474 (Denco, Inc.)
Dated: October 14, 1992

WO 9716715 A1 (Novaseptum AB)
Dated: May 9, 1997

A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of documents not in the English Language.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner give full consideration to the information disclosed herein, make it of record in this Application, and complete and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97, this information is submitted before the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits. No fee is due.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Authorization is hereby given to change any necessary fees in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 04-2219. Referencing our Docket Number 11894.

Respectfully submitted,



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